

Press Release: Classis Ontario West at Hamilton-Providence

March 21, 2012

Rev Wes Bredenhof opened the assembly in a Christian manner on behalf of Hamilton-Providence. After the credentials were examined and deemed in good order, classis was constituted. The offices took their seats as follows: chairman Rev De Jong; vicechair Rev Kleyn and clerk Rev Vermeulen. Rev Aasman of Streetlight Ministries, Rev Ferguson (OPC), Rev Sawtelle (RCUS Classis Covenant East) and Rev Jerome (Presb. Church of Korea, Kosin) were especially welcomed also to sit at the table with us. For memorabilia it was noted with thankfulness that Chatham and Grand Rapids have their vacancies filled in Rev De Boer and Rev Kok, whereas Kerwood is remembered as they are soon to be vacant.

After Brother Abel Pol's documentation is deemed to be in good order, Classis proceeds immediately with his examination. First he preaches a sermon on Leviticus 10:1-7, which is declared sufficient. This is followed with examinations in OT, NT and doctrine and creeds. With thankfulness to the Lord, classis deemed this too to be sufficient. After promising not to preach or teach anything contrary with our confessions, he is declared eligible for call. After singing and prayer opportunity was given to congratulate this brother.

After question period according to article 44, Rev Sawtelle of the RCUS and Rev Ferguson of the OPC were given the opportunity to address the assembly. These men were thanked for being present and we prayed with and for them.

As far as correspondence, instructions from the churches and reports are concerned, classis gave advice in a discipline case. Correspondence also came in from Kerwood concerning the release of Rev Kleyn and a request for a church councilor and pulpit supply. Rev Kleyn is honourably released from classis as per April 1, Rev Reuben Bredenhof appointed as councilor and Kerwood is granted pulpit supply once a month starting in June. Finally Rev Wes Bredenhof reports on a visit he made to the RCUS Classis Covenant East and church visitation reports were read.

Appointed to host the next classis to be held on the 23rd of May is Kerwood. Suggested offices are Rev Rodney Vermeulen as chairman, Rev Reuben Bredenhof as vice-chairman and Rev John Ludwig as clerk. Question Period and Christian Censure were not made use of. After adopting the acts of classis and approving the press release, the chairman Rev De Jong closed the meeting.

On behalf of Classis,

Vice-chairman at the time, Rev Cornelis Kleyn.